

REMARKS

The Office Action alleges that the claims lack unity of invention under PCT Rule 13.1 and requires an election of a single species of anaerobic bacteria. While not agreeing with the Examiner's assertion, Applicants elect *Eubacterium* for initial search and consideration. Applicants understand that the Examiner can broaden the search to include additional species upon determining that the elected species is allowable.

Independent claims 1, 3, 4, and 33 are generic. Applicants also understand that the claims will be restricted to the elected species only if the generic claims are not found allowable.

Early consideration on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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